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SUBJECT: EVACUATION FLIGHT FROM SAIGON

REF: HONG KONG 14603

1. CATHAY PACIFIC FLIGHTS FROM SAIGON TO HONG KONG ON
DECEMBER 13 AND 19 CARRIED 133 AND 149 PASSENGERS RESPECTIVELY.
THESE GROUPS BRING THE TOTAL OF HONG KONG "BELONGERS"
EVACUATED THROUGH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT CHARTERS
TO 3443 SINCE DECEMBER 1976.

2. HONG KONG OFFICIALS WORKING WITH THE FLIGHTS NOTE
A DROP IN THE PASSENGER LOAD WHICH NORMALLY RAN OVER
160 PASSENGERS PER FLIGHT. THIS DECREASE IS ATTRIBUTED TO
INCREASED BUREAUCRATIC DIFFICULTIES PASSENGERS ARE HAVING
IN OBTAINING LOCAL VIETNAMESE CLEARANCES AFTER THEY HAVE
OBTAINED SRV EXIT VISAS AND HAVE APPEARED ON THE HONG KONG
FLIGHTLIST. SOME DECREASE IS ALSO CAUSED BY LAST MINUTE
"NO SHOWS" WHO HAVE ALL THE NECESSARY PAPER WORK BUT DROP
OUT BECAUSE ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY CANNOT
BRING THEMSELVES TO LEAVE AND THREE PASSENGERS LISTED
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FOR THE DECEMBER 13 FLIGHT WERE SENT HOME AFTER TRYING
TO SMUGGLE GOLD OR US DOLLARS OUT OF THE COUNTRY (ONE
HAD A TUBE OF TOOTHPASTE FULL OF DOLLARS) BUT THEY
WERE PERMITTED TO LEAVE ON THE 19TH.

3. HONG KONG AUTHORITIES EXPECT TWO FLIGHTS IN JANUARY ;
THE FIRST ON THE 5TH OR 12TH, AND THE SECOND ON THE 31ST.

THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 800 PERSONS IN THE PROGRAM STILL
TO BE EVACUATED.
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